



Colorado Enhanced Standards for the Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST), Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE), and Drug Evaluation and Classification Programs (DRE)

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) have developed curricula to train law enforcement in the techniques needed to remove impaired and intoxicated drivers from our roadways. The IACP has adopted these courses as minimum requirements for training and certification (e.g., SFST and SFST instructors, ARIDE, and DRE and DRE instructors).

The IACP, in cooperation with NHTSA, oversees the operation of the programs. A Technical Advisory Panel (TAP) ensures that the programs are maintained to the highest standards.

Individual states may adopt and implement reasonable standards that are more stringent than international standards. These enhanced standards have been reviewed by the Technical Advisory Panel (TAP) Standards Committee to ensure they are reasonable, align with, and support the overall objectives of the programs.

The Colorado Department of Transportation Highway Safety Office has reviewed these standards, which I thereby approved and implemented.

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Colorado Enhanced

Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) Standards



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Introduction

This document presents the minimal standards for certification and recertification of SFST practitioners and SFST instructors, standards for decertification and reinstatement, and standards for agency participation.

Individual states may adopt or implement reasonable standards that are more stringent than international standards. These standards are implemented by the Colorado SFST State Coordinator. These enhanced standards have been reviewed by the IACP Technical Advisory Panel (TAP) Standards Committee to ensure they are reasonable, align with, and support overall goals and objectives of the Drug Evaluation and Classification Program (DEC).

The Colorado Enhanced SFST Standards below are categorized into each of the International Standard document numbering systems. Please refer to both the IACP National Standards and the Colorado Enhanced Standards for reference. You may access the most up-to-date version of these standards on the CDOT Safety webpage.

I. STANDARDS FOR TRAINING IN STANDARDIZED FIELD SOBRIETY TESTING

(1.4 C) An SFST Instructor who is from a different law enforcement agency than the student should administer the re-test. The SFST State Coordinator may assist the initial instructor in locating an available SFST instructor from an outside agency.

II. STANDARDS FOR TRAINING AS INSTRUCTORS IN THE STANDARDIZED FIELD SOBRIETY TESTING PROGRAM

No Colorado enhanced standards for Section II.

III. STANDARDIZED FIELD SOBRIETY TESTING (SFST) REFRESHER TRAINING

(3.4 C) The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) sets all standards for the Enhanced Standards of the SFST program.

Each law enforcement agency is responsible for ensuring that its practitioners and instructors meet these standards on a timely basis. Each law enforcement agency **may** input the SFST training records into the Colorado Peace Officer and Standards (POST) database; however, POST will not track compliance.

All law enforcement agencies shall maintain records concerning the training and certification of law enforcement personnel concerning SFSTs. To ensure compliance, SFST practitioners and instructors should maintain their own SFST records as well.

All **SFST practitioners** must complete a minimum of **two (2) hours** of relevant/approved training every two (2) years. The two-year period resets upon completion of required update training.

Here is an example - A deputy sheriff graduates from the 24-hour DWI Detection and Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) class on January 1, 2022. The deputy must receive updated training prior to January 1, 2024, to maintain SFST compliance. If the deputy completes SFST update training on December 1, 2023, then the new expiration date would be December 1, 2025.

Recertification Training must be instructed by an SFST and/or DRE instructor who has met all Colorado and IACP SFST Standards. The training may be conducted in a variety of ways including in-service training, briefing training, and/or online live or recorded training. The training topics must be relevant to impaired or intoxicated driving enforcement. The NHTSA provides a four (4) hour training module, if desired.

It is recommended that SFST practitioners demonstrate proficiency in the SFSTs every two (2) years using the Participant Proficiency Examination SFST Form.

All **SFST instructors** must complete a minimum of **eight (8) hours** of relevant/approved training every two (2) years. The two-year period resets upon completion of update training.

Here is an example - A Colorado State Trooper is a certified SFST instructor who graduated from SFST Instructor School on January 1, 2022. The Trooper must receive updated training prior to January 1, 2024, to maintain SFST instructor compliance. If the Trooper completes SFST instructor update training on December 1, 2023, then the new expiration date would be December 1, 2025.

CDOT will provide SFST instructor update training annually. The Colorado District Attorneys' Council (CDAC) also provides approved training through the Colorado Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor Program (TSRP). Prior to attending any non-CDOT sponsored training programs, SFST instructors must confirm ahead of time that the non-CDOT sponsored training is approved for SFST instructor update purposes.

There are no exceptions to these training requirements regarding the date of expiration. The eight (8) hour SFST instructor training satisfies the requirements for the two (2) hour SFST practitioner requirements.

IV. STANDARDS FOR DECERTIFICATION OF A STANDARDIZED FIELD SOBRIETY TESTING (SFST) INSTRUCTOR

(4.2 C) The standards in this section outline the circumstances and procedures for decertifying Colorado SFST practitioners and instructors. Agency coordinators shall ensure that certified SFST practitioners and instructors meet standards for conduct and in-service training every two years.

Decertification shall occur when an SFST practitioner or instructor fails to meet minimum standards and requirements for certification and or recertification.

Certification of an SFST practitioner or instructor will remain in place if that individual meets the requirements of Standards 3.2 and 3.3.

SFST practitioners or instructors who have been decertified must attend the basic 24-hour SFST course and meet the requirements to be recertified in SFST. A decertified SFST instructor must attend the 32-hour instructor development course.

V. APPROVAL OF STANDARDIZED FIELD SOBRIETY TESTING (SFST) TRAINING CURRICULA

No Colorado enhancement standards for Section V.

VI. APPROVED CERTIFICATES

- CDOT SFST 24HR BASIC DWI CERTIFICATE
- CDOT SFST 2HR REFRESHER CERTIFICATE

One of these certificates shall be issued to candidates who have successfully completed the associated SFST training. Law enforcement agencies shall maintain a copy of SFST training certificates and records. It is recommended that SFST practitioners and instructors maintain a copy of SFST training certificates and records.

CDOT SFST Certificates are housed on the CDOT Safety website.

CDAC will issue certificates for all programs it hosts. These certificates are the only exception permitted to the certificates required above.



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Colorado Enhanced Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Standards



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Introduction

The International Standards of the Drug Evaluation and Classification Program (DECP) were approved by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) in October 1992. Periodically, revisions and updates are made to these standards.

This document presents the minimal standards and requirements for certification and recertification of DREs and DRE instructors, standards for decertification and reinstatement, and standards for agency participation.

Individual states may adopt or implement reasonable standards that are more stringent. These standards are implemented by the Colorado DRE State Coordinator. These enhanced standards have been reviewed by the Technical Advisory Panel (TAP) Standards Committee to ensure they are reasonable, align with, and support overall goals and objectives of the DECP.

The Colorado Enhanced DRE Standards are listed below, categorized into each of the original document numbering systems. Please refer to your copy of both standards for reference. You can access the most up-to-date version of these standards on the CDOT Safety webpage.

I. STANDARDS FOR CERTIFICATION AS A DRUG RECOGNITION EXPERT

(1.1 C) All DRE schools in Colorado must be approved by the Colorado State DRE Coordinator.

(1.3 C) DRE candidates must have successfully completed the 24-hour DWI Detection and Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) training course, be compliant with Colorado SFST recertification standards and successfully complete an in-class IACP/National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Advanced Roadside Impairment Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) training.

(1.4 C) DRE Candidates must obtain a score of eighty percent (80%) or higher on the Pre-School Final Exam to continue DRE training, specifically the Drug Recognition Expert Course (main school).

(1.6 C) Any classroom sessions missed or not completed for a Colorado DRE school must be made up before the end of the 56-hour main school.

(1.8 C) A final examination retest will be given by a DRE instructor who is not from the same agency as the student.



(1.10 C) DRE students shall administer a minimum of eight (8) test subject evaluations. Each DRE student, whether serving as an evaluator, observer, or recorder, shall independently complete the narrative portion of the evaluation and shall identify the category(ies) of drugs affecting the subject to a DRE instructor. All narratives shall be completed by the end of the certification event and be signed off by the instructor(s) who observed the complete evaluation process.

(1.11 C) Toxicology confirmations are required on at least three (3) separate and distinct drug categories. The three distinct (3) drug categories must also be identified by the DRE candidate in his or her written opinions.

(1.12 C) A DRE candidate is eligible to take the final examination after completing a minimum of ten (10) drug evaluations and presenting an up-to-date progress log along with his or her curriculum vitae (CV) as reviewed and approved by a DRE Instructor.

II. STANDARDS FOR CERTIFICATION AS A DRUG RECOGNITION EXPERT INSTRUCTOR

(2.2 C) DRE instructor candidates shall meet the following requirements: be a certified Colorado DRE for a minimum of one (1) year and be recommended by two (2) Colorado DRE instructors. The agency coordinator will verify that the candidate meets all requirements. The Colorado State DRE Coordinator will announce DRE Instructor Schools and solicit candidates. The Colorado State DRE Coordinator shall make the final determination as to whether a candidate is accepted to attend DRE instructor training.

(2.9 C) The Course manager(s) will be selected by and serve at the pleasure of the Colorado DRE Coordinator who can relieve any course manager of responsibilities and duties without cause.

III. STANDARDS FOR RECERTIFICATION

(3.3 C) The Colorado State DRE Coordinator will notify DREs of recertification due dates. The coordinator will forward IACP required recertification forms to IACP and return certification cards to the DRE.

(3.4 C) Colorado State Standards require the following evaluations to maintain certification.

- One (1) of the four (4) evaluations must be an Enforcement Evaluation. An Enforcement Evaluation is any DRE Evaluation completed on a subject incident to arrest who is suspected of being under the influence of drugs and/or the combination of drugs and alcohol (not alcohol only).

The remaining minimum required evaluations will follow IACP guidelines.

Effective January 1, 2019, all evaluations shall be entered into the Sobriety Testing website. These entries must match the records maintained on the DRE Rolling Log.

(3.6 C) DRE instructors who maintain DRE instructor certification are authorized to instruct as SFST instructors. DRE instructors do not have to take the SFST Instructor Development Course to be certified to instruct SFST classes.

IV. STANDARDS FOR DECERTIFICATION OR DEACTIVATION OF DRUG RECOGNITION EXPERTS AND INSTRUCTORS

(4.5 C) In Colorado, the agency coordinator or training coordinator is responsible for providing all information and paperwork to the Colorado State DRE Coordinator.

V. STANDARDS FOR REINSTATEMENT OF DRUG RECOGNITION EXPERT WITH EXPIRED OR DEACTIVATED/DECERTIFIED STATUS

No Colorado enhancements for Section V.

VI. STANDARDS FOR AGENCY PARTICIPATION

No Colorado enhancements for Section VI.

VII. STANDARDS FOR A DEC PROGRAM STATE COORDINATOR

No Colorado enhancements for Section VII.

VIII. STANDARDS FOR A DEC PROGRAM REGIONAL COORDINATOR

No Colorado enhancements for Section VIII.

IX. STANDARDS FOR CONFLICT RESOLUTION

No Colorado enhancements for Section IX.

Colorado Enhanced Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) Standards



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Introduction

This document presents the minimal standards specifying the requirements for ARIDE practitioners and ARIDE instructors, standards for removal of an ARIDE instructor and reinstatement, and standards for agency participation.

Individual states are not restricted from adopting or implementing reasonable standards that are more stringent. These standards are implemented by the Colorado DRE/SFST State Coordinator. These enhanced standards have been reviewed by the TAP Standards Committee to ensure they are reasonable, in-line with, and support overall goals and objectives of the DECP.

The Colorado Enhanced ARIDE Standards are listed below, categorized into each of the original document numbering systems. Please refer to your copy of both standards for reference. You can access the most up-to-date version of these standards on the CDOT Safety website.

I. GENERAL STANDARDS FOR THE ARIDE TRAINING PROGRAM

(1.5 C) In Colorado, ARIDE will be instructed by approved DRE instructors (primary) and SFST instructors (Sessions 1-3 only) who are compliant with all applicable standards. The DRE State Coordinator will consider these requests to instruct prior to the class.

The successful completion of an ARIDE class counts only once as an SFST practitioner or SFST instructor update.

II. STANDARDS FOR INSTRUCTORS TRAINING THE ARIDE PROGRAM

(2.1 C) DRE instructors who have not instructed ARIDE previously will be required to instruct with another ARIDE approved DRE instructor prior to teaching alone.

(2.2 C) SFST instructors who instruct at an ARIDE class must have attended ARIDE prior to the instruction opportunity.

III. ARIDE REFRESHER TRAINING

No Colorado enhancements for Section III.

IV. STANDARDS FOR REMOVAL OF AN ARIDE INSTRUCTOR

(4.1 C) The Colorado SFST/DRE State Coordinator will be responsible for the removal of any ARIDE instructor. ARIDE Instructors serve at the discretion of the SFST/DRE State Coordinator.